



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5333**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION  
AWARENESS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) (a) There is established  
2       an advisory council on organ and tissue donation education and  
3       awareness. The advisory council shall consist of the following  
4       members: The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or the commissioner's  
5       designee; the Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
6       designee; the executive director of Donate Life Connecticut, or the  
7       executive director's designee; a representative of each of the  
8       organizations in the state that are members of the Association of Organ  
9       Procurement Organizations; a health care professional representing  
10      each transplant center located in the state that is a member of the  
11      federal Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network; the chief  
12      executive officer of the Connecticut Hospital Association, or the chief  
13      executive officer's designee; five persons experienced in issues  
14      involving organ and tissue donation or transplants, one of whom shall  
15      be a recipient of a donated organ or tissue, one of whom shall be a  
16      living donor, and one of whom shall be a family member of a deceased  
17      donor. One each of such persons experienced in issues involving organ  
18      and tissue donation or transplants shall be appointed by the Governor,  
19      the president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of  
20      Representatives, the minority leader of the House of Representatives

21 and the minority leader of the Senate.

22 (b) Council members shall serve for a term of three years and no  
23 member shall serve more than two consecutive terms. Any vacancy  
24 shall be filled by the appointing authority. The Governor shall appoint  
25 the chairperson from among the members of the council. The council  
26 shall have its first meeting not later than December 1, 2012, and shall  
27 meet not less than four times per year and as requested by the  
28 chairperson or upon the request of a majority of the members of the  
29 council. Council members shall serve without compensation.

30 (c) The council shall: (1) Analyze education on organ tissue donation  
31 in the state; (2) determine the rate of organ and tissue donation  
32 registration in the state and establish periodic goals for increasing such  
33 rate; and (3) advise the Commissioners of Public Health and Motor  
34 Vehicles on methods to increase organ and tissue donation rates in the  
35 state. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall, on a quarterly basis,  
36 provide the council with data concerning registered organ donors.

37 (d) Not later than July 1, 2013, and annually thereafter, the council  
38 shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
39 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General  
40 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and  
41 transportation concerning organ and tissue donation awareness in the  
42 state. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, actions taken by  
43 the council to increase organ and tissue donations and  
44 recommendations to increase organ and tissue donation rates in the  
45 state.

46 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2012*) There is established an organ  
47 and tissue donation awareness account which shall be a separate,  
48 nonlapsing account within the General Fund. Any moneys collected  
49 for donations to the organ and tissue awareness account pursuant to  
50 subsection (b) of section 14-12 of the general statutes, as amended by  
51 this act, and subsection (a) of section 14-22 of the general statutes, as  
52 amended by this act, shall be deposited by the Commissioner of Motor

53 Vehicles into the account. The account may also include moneys  
54 received from public and private sources, including the federal  
55 government. All moneys deposited in the account shall be used by the  
56 Department of Public Health or persons acting under a contract with  
57 the department, as follows: (1) To reimburse the Department of Motor  
58 Vehicles for incurred costs to include notice on applications for motor  
59 vehicle registrations and renewal motor vehicle registrations of the  
60 option to submit a donation to the fund and to collect such donations  
61 from applicants, provided the amount shall not exceed ten thousand  
62 dollars and such reimbursement shall occur not later than July 1, 2013;  
63 and (2) to annually allocate (A) not less than sixty-five per cent of the  
64 funds in the account to a nonprofit organization that, as its sole  
65 mission, provides public education for persons in the state concerning  
66 organ and tissue donation and the state donor registry, maintained  
67 pursuant to section 14-42a of the general statutes for activities  
68 including, but not limited to, (i) developing organ and tissue donation  
69 awareness materials and providing such materials to members of the  
70 public, and (ii) holding organ and tissue donation awareness events;  
71 (B) not more than fifteen per cent of the funds in the account to the  
72 Department of Motor Vehicles for incurred costs to promote donations  
73 to the fund and collect such donations; and (C) not more than twenty  
74 per cent of the funds in the account to the advisory council, established  
75 pursuant to section 1 of this act, for the purpose of organ and tissue  
76 donor awareness programs, including, but not limited to,  
77 implementation of an organ and tissue donation awareness program in  
78 secondary schools and promotion of the organ and tissue awareness  
79 account.

80 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 14-12 of the 2012 supplement to the  
81 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
82 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

83 (b) To obtain a motor vehicle registration, except as provided in  
84 subsection (c) of this section, the owner shall file in the office of the  
85 commissioner an application signed by him and containing such  
86 information and proof of ownership as the commissioner may require.

87 The application shall be made on blanks furnished by the  
88 commissioner. The blanks shall be in such form and contain such  
89 provisions and information as the commissioner may determine. Such  
90 blanks shall include a notice to applicants of an option to make a  
91 donation of two dollars to the organ and tissue donation awareness  
92 account, established pursuant to section 2 of this act, and allow for  
93 payment of such donation.

94 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 14-22 of the 2012 supplement to the  
95 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
96 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

97 (a) A motor vehicle registration issued pursuant to this chapter shall  
98 expire in accordance with schedules established by the commissioner.  
99 If the expiration date of the registration of the motor vehicle, except the  
100 registration of a motor vehicle used to transport passengers for hire,  
101 falls on any day when offices of the commissioner are closed for  
102 business, the registration shall be deemed valid for the operation of the  
103 motor vehicle until midnight of the next day on which offices of the  
104 commissioner are open for business. The commissioner shall prescribe  
105 the date and manner of renewing registrations. Not less than forty-five  
106 days prior to the expiration of any valid registration, the department  
107 shall send or transmit, in such manner as the commissioner  
108 determines, an application for renewal to the registrant. Such  
109 application shall include a notice to applicants of an option to make a  
110 donation of two dollars to the organ and tissue donation awareness  
111 account, established pursuant to section 2 of this act, and allow for  
112 payment of such donation. In the case of a motor vehicle registered to  
113 a leasing company licensed pursuant to section 14-15, the department  
114 may send or transmit, in such manner as the commissioner determines,  
115 an application for renewal of a leased vehicle to the lessee of such  
116 vehicle. The commissioner shall not be required to send or transmit a  
117 registrant's or lessee's application by mail if the United States Postal  
118 Service has determined that mail is undeliverable to such person at the  
119 address for such person that is in the records of the department. Except  
120 for the processing of such application at an official emissions

121 inspection station as provided in subsection (b) of this section or by  
122 telephone as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the  
123 commissioner may require that the application be returned  
124 electronically or by mail in order to be processed and approved, with  
125 only such exceptions, on a hardship basis, as shall be established by  
126 the commissioner in regulations adopted pursuant to chapter 54.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	14-12(b)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	14-22(a)

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***Joint Favorable Subst. C/R***

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